

# CERT Newsletter



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## CERT MEETING NEWS

On Thursday evening April 26, 2007 our CERT meeting was held at the Educational Cultural Center, in Chatham. The meeting was conducted with Jim Davis presiding as the County's CERT Coordinator.

Mr. Davis discussed the new insurance policy that was issued with approval by the Board of Supervisors. This policy will assist with medical bills arising from any injury which was occurred during a CERT function. It is a supplemental policy and not designed to replace your primary coverage that you may already have. Other coverage's are included; a copy of the policy is available in my office and will be available at the picnic.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ID CARDS

Digital photos are being taken of CERT members for Identification Cards. If you have not had your photo taken, please contact Mr. Davis @ 432-7920.

Don't forget to visit our web site.... [www.pittgov.org/cert](http://www.pittgov.org/cert). We will be redesigning this soon to include other divisions of CERT. Communications, Training, and Administrative, just to name a few. Also watch for important announcements on the home page.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CERT FAMILY PICNIC

Mark your calendars!!!

July 28, 2007 2PM-8PM

Location:

Pittsylvania County Fairgrounds Hwy 62 South

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and sunscreen. This is our first ever attempt to bring everyone that has been involved in CERT back together for a summer cook-out. All food will be provided. No Charge for anything. Door Prizes, 3 Musical Groups, the last group will end the program with Gospel Music. This will be a time to just relax and have an enjoyable time. More to come, keep checking our website. [www.pittgov.org/cert](http://www.pittgov.org/cert)

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 7, 2007 at the Pittsylvania County Courthouse Complex  
We will need volunteers to help man the CERT Station. 5-9 PM contact Jim Davis [jim.davis@pittgov.org](mailto:jim.davis@pittgov.org) 432-7920.

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### **A MESSAGE FROM THE CERT COORDINATOR**

Our CERT program has just exploded. We have trained 269 citizens since its beginning. We now have our very own CERT instructors from within the organization. This is a very important step in being self-sufficient. We have actually recruited and trained instructors that have the expertise in Fire, EMS, Search & Rescue and Disaster Psychology. These people have the experience and credibility to teach the modules in the class. I am very excited that we have such a talented group of people within Pittsylvania County.

I am pleased to announce that we have a new training division. Chris Mitchell is the Training Coordinator and we have recruited Patricia Pope to assist. Chris brings years of experience as our TC. With his military background and being our District Health Planner with the local Health Department, we will benefit with his skills. Patricia Pope has been associated with EMS in Pittsylvania County for many years. She has served as Captain of the 640 Rescue Squad and has trained other responders in CPR and First Aid as well.

Be sure and check out our web site for new information. Our Standard Operating Procedures are in the Member Area of the web page. I decided to post this on the web so you will always have the latest information. The SOP is a document that will help guide you in our organization with policy information.

We have a new CERT Trailer that is fully equipped and ready to deploy within our County. Many items are stocked to help in a disaster scene. Be sure and check this out at training events.

I have realized that with the size of our program and having so many talented people being part of this, I need to reach out more and communicate with each of you. I also need to have your help. The time has come to let things branch out and utilize our membership and what you have to offer as well. In this newsletter, I am introducing our Executive Committee of CERT. While you may view this as the core of the apple, and CERT as the apple, I will not lose sight that you also make the peeling of the apple. In other words, without each of you we would lose our cohesiveness. Everyone has an important role and we need your input to help our organization to grow. We have over 61,000 citizens in our county. We have not tapped 1 % of those who live here to be trained and prepared for disasters. We need to spread the word. I have been referred to as the CERT Evangelist, well I will accept that but I need for the congregation to help me seek others out for training. "Spread the Word, Be Prepared".

This brings me to my closing statement; the CERT Family Picnic. Our first picnic will be July 28, 2007 from 2PM-8PM at the Pittsylvania County Fairgrounds. I am inviting everyone who has taken training in CERT as well as their family. This in itself is a huge undertaking. Whether you are active, inactive, or just took the training for you and your family. Come and fellowship with us. We will have hot dogs, potato chips, baked beans, desserts, drinks, and great music. All free! You took the time to take the training because you had a desire to be prepared. I want to thank you for taking part of your time in life to participate in the training. We will not be having any training that day, only fellowship. No Alcohol is allowed anywhere on the grounds. This will be for all family members. Please call or email me to let me know how many in your immediate family will come. If everyone that has been trained can come and bring at least one person with them, we will have over 400 in attendance. There will be plenty of space for parking. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Again thank you for making this a wonderful program and together "Let's Roll!"

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